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TO: GENERAL WALTERS FROM

UNITED PRESS CARRIED FOLLOWING

B. [REDACTED] HOUSE ADVISED FOLLOWING [REDACTED] TODAY AT 1100.

1045 EST. REPRESENTATIVE FORD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT LT. GEN.

VERNON WALTERS, A LONGTIME FRIEND OF FORMER PRESIDENT

RICHARD NIXON AND A KEY WATERGATE WITNESS, IS QUITTING AS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA. FORD SAID AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE

IS NOMINATING E. HENRY KNOCH, A CAREER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

AGENCY OFFICIAL, AS REPLEACEMENT FOR WALTERS.^{1 4}

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B. MR. BUSH WAS CONCERNED TO COUNTER THE PRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND IMMEDIATELY EMPHASIZED TO THE WHITE HOUSE PEOPLE

DEALING WITH THE PRESS THAT YOU HAD ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RETIRE FROM

THE ARMY ON 30 JUNE, THAT YOU WOULD, THEREFORE, BE RESIGNING FROM

THE AGENCY, THAT THERE HAD BEEN A COMPLETELY AMICABLE UNDERSTANDING

ON THE MATTER FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT YOU HAD BEEN FULLY COOPERA-

TIVE AND WERE IN NO WAY DEPARTING UNDER PRESSURE. ED IMPDET.H

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